



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 132**

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House Bill No. 5846

*House of Representatives, April 4, 2005*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFE EMERGENCY EXIT FROM COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WITH DOUBLE DOORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) In any building, except a
- 2 residential building, that has a pair of doors as a means of egress, both
- 3 leafs of the pair of doors shall remain unlocked during the normal
- 4 business hours of such building to allow emergency exit from such
- 5 building.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**PS**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Public Safety, Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires that any building having a pair of double doors as an entrance or an exit, keep both doors unlocked during normal business hours. The bill does not apply to residential buildings. This bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the state.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

HB 5846

***AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFE EMERGENCY EXIT FROM  
COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WITH DOUBLE DOORS*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires that in any building, except a residential building, that has a pair of doors (double doors) as an exit, both leaves of the pair must remain unlocked during normal business hours to allow for emergency exit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 22      Nay 0